Doxy-1 is based on the bulk drug Doxycycline and the existing price is Rs. 7.08 for 4's strip of 100 mg tablet based on the notified price of Rs. 5416/- kg of the bulk drug.

The inclusion/exclusion of drugs under DPCO'87 has been done on the basis of the recommendations of Kelkar Committee.

Producers of Methyl Dopa, Levamisol, Chloramphenicol and its Salts

4864. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA :
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL :

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of the major producers of Methyl Dopa, Levamisol, Chloramphenicol and its salts Ampicillin Sodium, Furazolidone, Metronidazole, Trimethoprim and HET;

(b) what are the notified prices and market prices of these bulk drugs;

(c) what are the names of drugs whose prices were increased on suomoto basis, when and what is earlier and incresed price of each;

(d) what is the price of each drug on which formulation prices of each are fixed; and

(e) whether it is a fact that actual prices of inputs and their actual consumption was not verified before revising the prices; if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a), (b) and (d) To the extent information is available, the names of major producers of these bulk drugs, the notified prices and prices adopted for the purpose of fixing the prices of formulations based on these bulk drugs, are given in the statement annexed. (*See* below) Market prices of bulk drugs are dependent on a variety of commercial factors. However, in whichever cases the difference in the market price and notified price is substantial for a considerable length of time, the necessary corrective measures are initiated.

(c) and (e) The names of bulk drugs, whose prices were revised on suo moto basis due to the impact of change in exchange rate of Rupee, alongwith their earlier prices and revised prices are as stated in reply to the Rajya Sabha Unstarted, Question No. 880 answered on 9-12-1993. These prices were revised on the basis of cost data available with the Government and consultation with the BICP to ensure easy availability of the medicines.

Statement

S. No	Name of the bulk drug	Name of the Major Producer of bulk drug	Notified Price/Dat Price adopted in For mulations (Rs./Kg.)
1	2	3	4
1.	Methyl Dopa . . .	IDPL	3982 dated 17-6-93
2.	Levamisol . . .	ICI	2696 dated 30-8-91
3.	Chloramphenicol and its salts :		
	(a) Chloramphenicol Powder	(i) Boehringer Mannheim (ii) Parke Davis (iii) Dey's Medical Store	1528 dated 9-9-92
	(b) Chloramphenicol Palmitate	(i) Parke Davis (ii) Deys' Medical Store	1115 dated 11-8-89
4.	Ampicillin Sodium . .	(i) Armour Chemicals (ii) Pace Labs (iii) Cepham Organics	4632 dated 22-6-39
5.	Furazolidon . . .	Eskayef	460* dated 30-8-91

1	2	3	4
6.	Metronidazole . . .	(i) Unichem (ii) Unique Chemical (iii) Metroni Drugs	@ 516 dated 14-9-92
7.	Trimethoprim . . .	(i) Burroughs Wellcome (ii) Standard Organics (iii) German Remedies (iv) Inventa Chemical	1532 dated 28-7-93
8.	Hydroxy Ethyl Thepohylline (HET)	(i) German Remedies (ii) Fairdeal Corpn.	606 dated 22-7-93

*As 2/3rd of the demand of this Bulk drug is met through imports, the formulation prices are fixed on the basis of weighted average cost of imported material viz. Rs. 448.78/- Kg.

@However, the formulation price was fixed at a lower price of Rs. 502/- Kgs.

Fabulous Prices of Formulations

4865. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3049 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd December, 1993 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that small scale sector units in respect of category-II formulations and organised sector and small scale sector in respect of decontrolled formulations are printing fabulous prices and are taking substantial mark ups;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is monitoring the prices of formulations; if so, what are the names of products where more than 200 per cent MAPE is being charged;

(c) whether is it also a fact that cost audit reports show this practice prominently; if so, what steps have been taken to stop such overcharging;

(d) whether it is also a fact that several organised sector units have transferred their brands to small scale sector units to wriggle out of price control and

(e) if so, the names of products and the companies which have transferred their brands and their present prices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The small scale sector units are subject to price control only with respect to the formulations containing bulk drugs under Schedule I of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987. There are a very large number of formulations in different pack sizes and dosage forms. Monitoring of prices of medicines that are not under price control is therefore done on selected basis.

(d) and (e) Licensing of brand names by organised sector companies to manufacturers in the unorganised sector does not ipso-facto imply that such products are exempt from price regulations.

Price of Diclofenac Sodium formulations

4866. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of Diclofenac Sodium formulations have been reduced based on the market rate of Diclofenac Sodium.

(b) when was the price of each furmulation reduced and what is the earlier price and reduced price and on what rate of the bulk drug it is based;

(c) whether it is a fact that reduction in the prices of the formulations have been effected without reducing the notified price of the bulk drug under DPCO, 1987 whereas in case of Ranitidine where there is no notified price the Ministry is waiting to reduce the price of formulations after the bulk drug price is notified; and

(d) what are the reasons for discriminatory actions and whether it is a fact that producers are bribing the bureaucrats ?